



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: William Cohn and Thomas P. Mathers

Application No.: 10/647,657 Filed Date: August 25, 2003

Confirmation No.: 2131 Group: 3731 Examiner: Not Assigned

For: Suture System

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Amendment and Fee Transmittal

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment for filing in the above-identified application.

- Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity Statement previously submitted.
- A Small Entity Statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

| | (COL. 1) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | | (COL. 2) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | (COL. 3) PRESENT EXTRA | SMALL ENTITY X \$9 \$ | OR | OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY X \$18 \$0 |
|---|---|-------|---|------------------------------|--------------------------|----|--|
| TOTAL | 14 | MINUS | *20 | 0 | X \$9 \$ | | X \$18 \$0 |
| INDEP | 2 | MINUS | **3 | 0 | X \$43 \$ | | X \$86 \$0 |
| FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM | | | | | + \$145 \$ | | + \$290 \$ |
| | | | | | TOTAL = \$ 0 | | TOTAL = \$ 0 |

* not fewer than 20

** not fewer than 3

Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-1935 for the following fees:

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_____ \$ _____
TOTAL: \$ _____ 0

[X] A general authorization is hereby granted to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1935 for any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 in order to maintain pendency of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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PATENT APPLICATION
Docket No.: 301492.1047-119

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The listing of claims begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 5.

Please amend the application as follows: